

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein water is added to a solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride and a polar organic solvent which contains no water or at most 60% by weight of water, to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight when crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate are allowed to separate out in a water-containing polar organic solvent.

2. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of a solid or oily paroxetine hydrochloride is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

3. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

4. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

5. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of 2-propanol solvate of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate obtained by crystallization from 2-propanol is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

6. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 1, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein water is added to a solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride and a polar organic solvent containing 15 to 55% by weight of water.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein water is added to a solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride and a polar organic solvent containing 20 to 50% by weight of water.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein water is added to the solution or suspension comprising paroxetine hydrochloride at 40° to 60°C.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein water is added to the solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride, and then the resulting solution or suspension is cooled to 0° to 10°C.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, wherein the polar organic solvent is a lower alcohol having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or a ketone.

12. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 11, wherein the lower alcohol is 2-propanol.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, wherein hydrogen chloride is present in the solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein hydrogen chloride is present when

crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate are allowed to separate out from a solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride in which water or a water-containing polar organic solvent is used as a solvent, with the exception of the case where concentrated hydrochloric acid is added to an aqueous solution of paroxetine acetate.

15. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 14, wherein the pH of the solution or suspension of paroxetine hydrochloride is at most 2.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~, wherein a solution or suspension of a solid or oily paroxetine hydrochloride is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

17. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate is prepared, and water is added to the solution

or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

19. (Original) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 18, wherein the crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate are crystals of 2-propanol solvate of paroxetine hydrochloride anhydrate obtained by crystallization in 2-propanol.

20. (Currently Amended) The method for allowing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate to separate out according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~, wherein a solution or suspension of crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate is prepared, and water is added to the solution or suspension to adjust the water content to at least 70% by weight.

21. (Currently Amended) Crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate, moisturized with water ~~by adjusting the water content, characterized in that the crystals are not colored in pink~~ or a polar organic solvent containing water, and being not colored in pink.

22. (Currently Amended) Crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pH of a supernatant of the suspension prepared by suspending 1 g of the crystals in 10 g of distilled water is 3 to 6.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing crystals of paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate being not colored in pink, comprising dissolving crystals of paroxetine

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hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate being colored in pink in a solvent, and allowing the crystals to separate out, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the crystals are purified in the presence of hydrogen chloride in an amount at least equimolar with the paroxetine hydrochloride 1/2-hydrate.